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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016                      10:30 a.m.      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Garrett.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Brunner made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

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| SB 504 | (Robertson) | Gaming; horse racing; simulcast races; revise provisions related to, and make other general amendments.                                          |
| SB 505 | (Robertson) | Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for accepting wagers on live or simulcast horse races without a license; enact. |

Chair Lauwers reviewed changes reflected in SB 504 (H-3).

Representative Vaupel made a motion to adopt SB 504 (H-3).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell. (15/17)

**Nays** None. (0/17)

**Pass:** None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Roberts made a motion to report SB 504 (H-3) with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy. (16/17)

**Nays: None. (0/17)**  
**Pass: None. (0/17) (16/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Vaupel made a motion to report SB 505 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Driskell, LaVoy. (15/17)**

**Nays: None. (0/17)**

**Pass: Representative Talabi. (1/17) (15/0/1)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Cards for SB 504 and 505 were submitted by:

Matt Schueller, representing the Michigan Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, in support of SB 504 (H-3) and SB 505

Mike Krombeen, representing Midwest Strategy Group and Northville Downs, in support of the bills

Stephanie Johnson, representing Michigan Horsemen Benevolent Protection Association, in support of the bills

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support of SB 504 (H-3) and SB 505

Larry Julian, representing the Michigan Harness Horsemen Association, in support of SB 504 (H-3) and SB 505

Val Vail-Shirey, representing the Michigan Equine Partnership, in support of SB 504 (H-3) and SB 505 and also representing Michigan Great Lakes International, also in support of SB 504 (H-3) and SB 505

Dave Ladd, representing Hazel Park Raceway, in support of the bills

Dave Murley, representing Gaming Control

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

SB 899 (Stamas) Trade; other; farm produce in possession of failed grain dealer; establish lien and revise allocation of proceeds.

SB 900 (Hune) Trade; other; farm produce insurance act; payment of producer premiums into farm produce insurance fund; revise requirements.

Meghann Keit, representing Senator Stamas, reviewed provisions of SB 899 and SB 900 with the Committee.

Matt Blakely and Jeff Harrer, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), spoke in support of the bills and answered questions.

Jim Byrum, representing the Michigan Agri-Business Association, spoke in support of the bills.

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke in support of the bills.

David Gregory, representing Green Stone FCS, submitted a card indicating support for SB 900 (if amended).

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:08 a.m.

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Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538